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SUBJ: TAMRAZ SUGGESTS USG OPPOSED LOCKHEED BID

REF: BEIRUT'S A-140 JULY 5

1. COMMENTING ON WASHINGTON POST REPORT THAT HIS FIRST ARABIAN CORPORATION HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY BID FOR \$100 MILLION PARTICIPATION IN LOCKHEED CORPORATION, ROGER TAMRAZ REPORTEDLY TOLD ASSOCIATED PRESS LOCKHEED "MAY HAVE HAD INDICATIONS FROM WASHINGTON NOT TO GO AHEAD". HE QUOTED AS SAYING GULF ARABA BEHIND OFFER SUSPECT USG DOES NOT WANT ARABS TO CONTROL MAJOR SHARE OF LOCKHEED AND THAT THIS HAS SOMEWHAT COOLED ARAB INTEREST IN INVESTING IN AMERICAN BUSINESS. TAMRAZ OFFERED NO EVIDENCE OF USG INVOLVEMENT, BEING QUOTED AS SAYING

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LOCKHEED ACCEPTED OFFER LAST SPRING BUT LATER REJECTED

IT, TELLING FIRST ARABIAN DEAL MIGHT COMPLICATE POSSIBLE
MERGER WITH TEXTRON.

2. COMMENT: ON SEPTEMBER 26, IN RESPONSE EMBOFF'S QUERY,
TAMRAZ, STILL DECLINING IDENTIFY FIRM INVOLVED, TOLD
EMBOFF AND VISITING TREASURY OFFICIAL ONLY THAT HIS
ATTEMPTED TAKEOVER OF A LARGE AMERICAN FIRM (REPAIR)
WOULD NOT BE COMPLETED BECUASE THE TARGET FIRM WAS A DEFENSE
CONTRACTOR. NO MENTION MADE OF USG INTERVENTION. IT
WAS CLEAR HOWEVER THAT HE BELIEVED AMERICAN LAW OR POLICY
EXCLUDED ANY FOEIGNERS FROM CONTROL AMERICAN DEFENSE
CONTRACTORS.
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